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### Fruitland and Switzerland

(Capital Journal Special Service.)  
Fruitland, Ore., Sept. 28.—September 7 your correspondent and family went to the German hop ranch a mile north of Pratum. It is owned and operated by A. G. and O. C. Jernan, father and son. In our 25 years' experience hop picking in Oregon we never found things so satisfactory as here—nice camping place, courteous treatment, good water, unexceptionally good class of pickers, with little or no disturbance and no rowdiness. It is always good to find people nice especially in a promiscuous crowd.

There were some 75 acres planted to hops but on account of mold several acres had to be left unpicked. I was not able to get an approximate statement as to the number of bales expected. There were five dryers in operation.

Semester Bros., of Pratum, had a store on the grounds and contrary to custom at such places did not run a game of "graff" on the pickers, but sold supplies at a reasonable price.

On Wednesday, the 29th, the proprietors of the hop yard threshed in about 13 hours nearly 3,000 bushels of oats and about 500 bushels of wheat. This was going some. The Roth outfit did the work, the machine being a 36-inch cylinder "Advance" of Battle Creek, Mich. The small and compact town of Switzerland is located near the German farm. It consists of one dwelling house occupied by the family of Mr. Pearl Miller. Tom White of Fruitland, is the other inhabitant during the day. He is receiver of grain, storing it in the two warehouses of Albers Bros., of Portland. These two buildings constitute the remainder of the town which at present is minus a mayor, chief of police and a board of aldermen. Mr. Miller and Tom being both civil and law-abiding there is no need of a constabulary to rule the place. This little city, with the Alpine name is located on the Woodburn-Silverton branch of the Southern Pacific. It is a flag station and so has no ticket agent nor trunk smasher.

The famous Selah Springs is about a mile down the track and a little to the left in a nice camping place. The water is said to possess medicinal properties but you wouldn't know it by the taste at least I didn't. It is a nice concrete walled spring several feet deep. The water is bottled and sent all over the country and the credulous drinker probably feels himself relieved of his ailments as well as the small price he pays for it.

Asher Ransom, formerly with the Lebold grocery of Salem, now in the state engineering service, is doing clerical work at the state house.

Wednesday Josie and Esther Bowers went to Portland for a week's visit with relatives.

Clarence Boling a few days ago sold several shovels weighing 180 pounds each for \$9 per hundredweight. He is also exhibiting a fine colt at the state fair.

C. E. McIlwain will soon remove to Salem. Last week at public auction he sold a lot of stock and other property. The pigs brought a good price, cows fair and horses cheap.

Wednesday about everybody attended the state fair which left the neighborhood almost deserted.

About two weeks ago M. M. Ransom lost a valuable horse through the careless act of some hunter. The horse was found dead in the pasture with a bullet hole in the neck. What can be done to protect stock and human life from the hands of irresponsible shooters who will soon fill the country everywhere? It is safest to say such will meet with no warm reception from the farmers in this community. A short time ago Mr. Ransom was offered \$225 for the horse.

The school board has ordered some new window shades. The blackboards have also had a coat of new surface applied. School begins Monday, September 2. H. C. Todd, who taught at Donald last winter, will teach.

### Scotts Mills News

(Capital Journal Special Service.)  
Scotts Mills, Ore., Sept. 28.—A very sad accident occurred near here Sunday on the farm of Mr. Larsen. Mrs. Larsen was helping feed the cattle in the barn when a bull which was tied in a stall broke his rope and attacked her. Mr. Larsen came to her rescue when the infuriated animal turned on him, a son tried to help his father but in vain. Mr. Larsen was killed and Mrs. Larsen and the son badly injured before the animal could be secured. As it was a blooded animal they kept it a night and day thinking it would quiet down, but it seemed to have gone completely mad and they finally shot it. Mr. Larsen's funeral will be held tomorrow from the house on account of Mrs. Larsen not being able to go to the church, after which the body will be taken to the Lutheran church at Monitor, where a short service will be held, interment will be in the Miller cemetery.

Mrs. E. Shilts has been seriously ill but is better at present.

Mr. Delano and a few other young folks of this place motored to Salem Sunday afternoon and attended evening services at the Highland Friends church.

The ticket nominated at the primary was, with one exception, elected on the 25th.

Everybody is so very busy here that items are scarce. It is just work, work with hops and prunes also some threshing being done yet.

### St. Louis Items

(Capital Journal Special Service.)  
St. Louis, Sept. 28.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oloyston Manning last Sunday, September 24, a baby boy.

The two Cannard boys left here last Tuesday for Aberdeen, Wash., where they will be for work for two weeks. Mrs. Edmond Goffin left Wednesday for a two weeks visit in Portland. Mrs. Ada Kennedy who has been visiting relatives here returned to her home in Portland Sunday. Mrs. John Johnston visited friends in St. Louis Sunday. Miss Rosie DuBois visited at the home of her mother's last Saturday returning the same day. Wedding Invitations, Announcements and Calling Cards Printed at the Journal Job Department.

## COMBLES UNDERWENT MOST TERRIFIC SIEGE IN HISTORY OF WORLD

By Henry Wood.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)

With the French Armies Near Combles, Sept. 29.—Horses, lashed into a furious gallop by mad riders dashing forward over a sunken road with huge quantities of ammunition; aeroplanes, hovering above, culture-like awaiting the fall of Combles; men, sweating, fighting their way forward over shell-pocked roads in terrible shell fire—these were some of the dramatic scenes that preceded the capture of the strongly fortified village that had blocked the allied advance north of the Somme.

The eventual capture of Combles became a certainty on Tuesday morning when French cavalry patrols advanced southeastward, met eastward of Combles. They thus completely encircled the village, cutting off the last communications with the German army in the rear.

On the same morning I approached Combles from the west, starting from Maricourt, the junction point from which the French and English offensive was launched July 1 and traversing each successive step in the advance

made in the intervening three months toward the attainment of this first great objective. When we arrived within less than a mile and a quarter of Combles the town itself was then undergoing the final bombardment and assault.

**Wiped Off the Map.**  
Although Combles was a mere village of 1,500 inhabitants the Germans had so fortified every house, especially the cellars were machine guns were installed, that the allies were forced to employ siege methods. They completely encircled the town with their heavy artillery, which generally closed in with every advance of the infantry lines.

From the viewpoint of the enormous quantity of artillery massed against it and also from the incalculable number of shells rained into it Combles can easily boast of having undergone the most terrific siege in the history of the world.

It was only on reaching the most advanced artillery lines before Combles that one could grasp mathematically the methodical progress which had rendered the allies' new tactics of advancing by heavy artillery absolutely irresistible, though the final artillery lines before Combles consisted of comparatively light batteries. These have been rushed forward during the night over ground rendered impassable by shell shots to everything but foot soldiers.

But while troops were tugging guns across this ground, a veritable army of soldiers had sunk tortuous winding roadway several feet below the surface of the ground, paving it with bricks from nearby houses, wrecked by artillery fire. Over this, when we arrived early the next morning, munitions caissons, screamed from the enemy's observation by the depth of the roadway, drawn by four, six and eight horses, were dashing along every moment with an incredible number of shells necessary to feed this advanced line of artillery which could be reached in no other way.

**Hastily Built Roads.**  
Back from these advanced lines of galloping, erecuted caissons were thousands more soldiers, methodically transforming what had been on the preceding day cannon roads, into highways capable of sustaining huge automobile convoys bringing up heavier munitions for heavier artillery than had surplanted the lighter guns now further advanced during the night. Further behind these automobile fed artillery lines was still a third army of workmen, steadily constructing roadways which were bringing up artillery so gigantic that not only it but its shells can be transported only on specially constructed railways. These huge pieces were supplementing those more transportable automobile fed pieces already rushed forward.

If Combles fell before a methodical, heavy artillery advance and encirclement, it fell equally before the methodical construction of roadways, from the dirt and brick bedded wagon roads to the full gauged rock ballasted steel railways. This method marks the allied advance on the entire 30 mile Somme front.

Reaching Maurepas, which is about a mile and a quarter from Combles, we had a vivid impression of the actual state of affairs in Combles, which was then undergoing the same bombardment that preceded the capture of Maurepas. Maurepas, instead of being simply leveled to the ground by allied artillery like other Somme villages during the first few weeks of the offensive, had been literally driven into the ground by terrific shell pounding. The village had almost disappeared from the surface of the earth, leaving only the unked site, peck marked by shells like the surrounding open country.

**Dug in 70 Feet Deep.**  
An officer explained that this was the result of the allies' new artillery methods, whereby shells are driven as deep as possible into the ground before exploding for the purpose of ousting the Germans, who now dig in from 50 to 70 feet.

Combles being several miles in advance of the French line of observation sausage balloons, the final observation resulting in the capture of the village was entrusted to aeroplanes. In great numbers they circled above the village at a great height like a flock of huge vultures, waiting only the certainty that life was extinct before swooping down and seizing their prey.

Yet, so strongly were the Germans fortified in Combles, and so completely were they equipped with artillery that almost at the last moment preceding the passage of the village into allied hands when an aeroplane swooped down, within range, I counted within less than a minute the bursting of several shrapnel shells about one plane. The aviator, evidently convinced that the village was still unaptured, rejoined his comrades at higher altitudes, outside the range.

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firing so fiercely and so close to us, that they drowned out the general roar of artillery, and destroyed any possible impression of the gigantic struggle as a whole. It was only after reaching the advanced artillery lines, where we saw a well placed shell explode an ammunition depot and upon our return to the rear, that we were able to get an impression, at least in part, of the magnitude of the struggle.

From a hill well in the rear, one could see the entire great extending front of six kilometers (about four miles) which was honeycombed with batteries that their flashes in broad daylight gave very much the same impression as

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### Macleay Items

(Capital Journal Special Service.)  
Macleay, Sept. 27.—Carl Lentz is at home at present, recuperating from injuries caused by the falling of a tree upon him at the logging camp at Black Rock where he was employed in the saw mill. He has been in a hospital at Independence until recently and his many friends will be glad to know that he is now able to be around.

School starts October 2. A few months ago we gladly announced the close of school and now we as gladly announce the opening after a splendid vacation. Miss Jean Byers will again wield the rod and mace of authority

over a larger and better school than ever. The new heating plant, ordered some time ago has been installed and from the pleased reports of those who have seen it, we infer that the children will not miss the summer sun very much after all.

E. A. Lewis and family have motored to Lincoln county for a weeks vacation from the strenuous work on the farm. They are in the mountains so we soon see the trophies of the hunt decorating the walls of the Lewis home.

Unfortunately for Macleay but fortunately for Aumsville, Julius Jasmier and family have departed for the last mentioned town, near which they will make their home.

Old timers this year will have plenty of opportunity to say "It never happened since '87, or '88" when it comes to harvesting as both Firman Nash and Everett Lewis have grain yet to be threshed, and in the neighboring community of Bethel the threshers whistle is only now being heard.

Sunday school will be held regularly from now on each Sunday at 2 p. m.

Church services were held last Sunday, conducted by Mr. Lovell, who is an energetic, wide awake man of the present day life, not of the past. He emphasizes the fact, in his sermons, that the church should take active interest in the national welfare instead of remaining passive.

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